BY HOFER BROTHERS.

FQIDAY, JAN. 3, 1896.

STATE TAX BOARD.

Besides causing a great deal of dissatisfaction, and costing each county hundreds of dollars to revise its tax rolls, the state board of equalization costs as follows:

Auldon, Lakeview \$ 300 60 Woodcock, Eugene Geo, E. Watkins, Portland . . G. Wingate, Astoria...... W. G. Hunter, Island City... 363 40 Willis, Hay Creek D. W. Coolidge, sec., Eugene. Frank Davey, clerk, Salem... Paul Van Dersol, page

The three state officials, with the help of one or two clerks, could have done all that was necessary, as the counties asked no changes, for loss than \$500. The corporations and the elly of Portland alone asked reductions, and of course there had to be additions made somewhere, so it was put onto merchandise, town lots and Improvements, and Linn and Marion county that could not help themselves.

FOR THE PEOPLE.

The man who now-a-days claims to public affairs.

The man who takes his salary or fees as the law allows, but who refuses to take more, and refuses to construe why it is deemed necessary to publish the law to his own advantage, and along with the list of names a brief who sternly refuses to help others to account of the methods adopted by do that thing, will always be esteemed the state, to list and sell the lieu lands and respected by the people, whether to which it is entitled, and incidenthe holds office or not.

sort of men. It is said the people are Not a few people believe that the ungrateful. That does not alter the state is, or ought to be held responsicase. They too seldom have reason to ble for every thing done in its name show gratitude.

in the welfare of the country as others, moment's reflection must dispel. then let them issue their money to do the state would be bound by it? the people and get more interest. Are we right or wrong about this?

The Industrial Herald of Oregon City, a Populist paper, seems to think and if a deed be given in the name of the state, but in derogation of law, it camp of rogues. The tendency of good men to flock off into different parties just suits the political boss. A farmer can't herd a thousand sheep in one flock. But he can divide the herd into three bands, and hire a cheap man and a dog to tend each band. So it is with politics.

The Roseburg Review issued mammoth twelve-page illustrated ignored by the state officers. edition. The Review is the leading Democratic paper of Southern Ore- capricious, therefore, in the holding gon and its editors can feel proud of their efforts to lift their community It is just what should have been into prominence as the metropolis of expected by the state land officers and that region.

J. W. Grim, of Hubbard, will be a strong candidate for county judge. As commissioner he was a staunch make selections in known conflict friend of Salem when the big bridge with the United States laws and was built. He would make an excel- that the federal land officers should and it was. lent county official.

The Statesman seems determined to down County Judge Hubbard by fair means or foul. It gives him a strong editorial endorsement this morning.

The Astoria Evening News printed day which will be highly appreciated esiculated deficiencies in unsurveyed only helped them to get a corner on Henry McDonald, Robert Armstrong, by anyone having an interest in that thriving city by the sea.

The new woolen mills are going to Oregon land office. be built right. Thos. Kay looks out for the stockholders as though they were his own children.

with the world, all bills of 1895 paid, and keep square for 1896.

Gold is flowing this way again. Bullion at New York January 2d was gon lieu land attorneys. at 11 cent premium.

How would it do to call a meeting of the stockholders in the city hall and ask to have a receiver appointed for it.

The job of apportioning the \$100,000 of the Oregon Pacific sale will last while there is money in it.

The Statesman is still fighting Judge Hubbard. It is now supporting

Let us recognize what is good in men wherever we find it.

Gold at a premium is a bad start for

IT IS MADE ON FALSE OR THERE ALL BASES.

LAND AGENT DAVENPORT.

WHAT A GOOD ACT OF THE LAST LEGISLATURE HAS REVEYING.

For several months past, the federal land officers of the state have been transmitting to Governor Lord notices from the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, that certain lists of lieu land selections made during the last four or live years are mo on held for cancellation, and giving the 90 00 state from 30 to 60 days in which to show cause why they should not be cincelled. The reason given for so holding them, is that the said selecthorn were made unon false or illegal bases. These lists which are muncrous, include scores of tracts of bruds, sold by the state to as many Individuals, citizens of the state, whose addresses are unknown to the state officers, and who cannot therefore be apprized of the critical condition of their holdings except by publication.

That such a condition of affairs should arise, by which so many persons holding state deeds or certificates of sale, are to be disposessed of their work unselfishly for the people is purchases cannot be referred to mere sneered at as a demagogue and a phar- clerical errors, and on the face seems isec. Yet there is such a thing as to imply that there has been deuse conscientious performance of duty in ignorance or extensive rescality on the part of those officers charged with the management of land matters.

And this is an additional reason ally to give some explanation of the The people have got to tle to that present rather troublesome results. and by its officers, and that when it executes a deed for a plece of land it THE JOURNAL publishes the views is legally and morally bound to make of bankers as cheerfully as anyone's. the title good. It is almost needless It thinks they are as deeply interested to say, these are errors which a

and have a great deal at stake. We How would it do in individal transcannot help but think that the plan actions to depart from the present of using paper and silver, that circu- safe and just rule, that an agent canlates without interest, is a cheaper not bind his principal as to business one than the plan of issuing gold outside of the agency, or in matters bonds to take up that money, pay the between the state and its citizens, to bankers interest on the bonds and insist that whatever an officer might

The fact is and must be, that the extent to which a state may be bound by its officers, is set forth in the laws; of the state, is still illegal and binds nobody. The Oregon state law said the lieu land selections shall be "made in the manner prescribed by the laws of the United States;" but where a tract is selected in lieu of a so-called mineral base without such proof as the United States law required to establish its mineral character, both the state and federal laws ware

There is nothing unreasonable or for cancellation all such selections.

the registers and receivers of all the federal land offices in the state.

The truly strange aspect of the case is, that the state land office should ever permit one of them to pass to Washington.

possession of them and of the judicial declared over and over again, and yet

The rule, that where selections are By this time we should be square paying quantities," is old and well hands of Eastern speculators,

It goes without saying that one base should not be used for two or base should not be used for two or more selections, and so the courts



paying the penalty of

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am informed by an ex-register of an bases for the frauds, base served for five selections,

procedure are the result of ignorance; guidance. there must have been a reckless disdoes not require more than common per acre. sense to see how and why such aberration of government can come about. portunity.

Such an opportunity was given afterwards the selecting of the lieu at the price of \$1.25 per acre.

could know as to what school sections | waiver of responsibility. had been lost to the state by reason of the operation of federal laws, and to what extent the state had availed itself of the privilege of taking other lands instead. Of necessity the applicant who desired to purchase lieu land, must resort to the state land office for information as to the base upon which to predicate his application, but according to the letter of the law the clerk of that office was not required to furnish it. The law did not make it the duty of any officer of the state, and the requirements of the statute, in that particular, were fully of using the state land office, and sup-

the traffic would bear.

to twice as much as the state received. That such a husiness could continue

And unfortunately for the purchasers Anderson, Peter Benson, James of lieu lands, and equally so for the state, almost anything could pass.

have not been called upon to declare. At length the day of reckoning is against such robbery; but there is come, and naturally enough the beneplenty of evidence in the Oregon Land | ficiaries of all this sharp practice, Inoffice, and the Federal Land offices sists that Governor Lord shall help too, that it has been done repeatedly; the innocent purchasers of lieu lands in the name of the state of Oregon. I out of the scrape, by finding good

United States Land office that one The governor, however, much disposed to continue his habit of helping It is fooling with words to say that innocent people out of scrapes, will such departures from known regula- not violate the laws of the state which tions and laws, and ordinary business the last legislature enacted for his

The law now is, that lieu land shall regard of the rights of individuals not be sold; and furthermore, it and of the general welfare, and it raised the price of such land to \$2.50

The attorneys who bave been on joying the lucrative business, say Human rapacity is ever on the that the state has already sold the alert and all that is needed is an op- land, and is morally bound to make good titles to the purchasers.

The most that can be truthfully when the legislature changed the said as to the State's share in the mode of selecting lieu lands in the crooked business, is, that it provided year of 1887. Before that the gov- a way whereby lieu land selections ernor or his agents selected them; could be made and sold to individual Solits \$15 upwards. Pants upwards.

as well as the base, was turned over | The finding of the base and the to the purchaser. He must state in selection of lieu lands were left enhis application the 16th or 36th sec- tirely with the purchaser, and if he tions or fractional townships in lieu trusted his business to an unscruof which the land is to be taken, and pulpus or blundering attorney, and the land commissioners shall there- his efforts to obtain a piece of land upon select the said land in the proper was thereby rendered nugutory, he land office, in the manner prescribed must put the blame where it belongs, by the laws of the United States," etc. upon his attorneys and not upon the But this requirement, as respects State. All that he can rightfully ask the purchaser, is wholly impracticable of the state, is that his money be reas no one but a person familiar with turned. And he can rightfully and the land business and having access to leagally ask his attorneys to do the the records and maps of state land office same, unless there was a specific

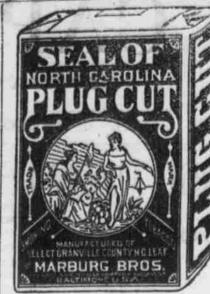
T. W. DAVENPORT. State Land Agent.

NAMES OF PERSONS. Names of persons holding deeds and certificates of sale from the State of Oregon, for lieu lands which are held for cancellation by the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the reason that the bases in lieu of which they were taken are not recognized as legitimate, under the laws of the

United States: D. Webeck, John Wilson, Thomas Ownes, Frank Holden, Frank White. met when the applicant had designated the base of which the land is to be Deane, Eugenia Henry, Wm. Clemen. taken in lieu, The state board could B. L. Brown, H. Blackman, W. F. have made it the duty of its clerk to Weaver, Wm. Franklin, H. Bertroche, give all needed information, but it did R. A. Willis, R. A. Manary, Mary Salem during the next 30 days. Address, not, and so thas part of the state land Ahern, Ira H. Hoffman, N. J. John- with particulars no man can be honest unless he is a populist. That theory frequently lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at land at lands an honest man in the midst of a land at lan torneys, who found ways and means Whitlock, F. M. Baker, Lurena Yoplying bases to applicants according Lauritzen, F. M. Green, Katie Pease. gle, E. Zeller, S. G. Hawson, M. A. to the railroad rule, of charging all Thomas Flippin, Walter M. Richton-One dollar and a quarter per acre W. Bullerfield, Alice Wheeler, Delia ger, Wm. Milligan, Hugh Cameron, was paid to the state, and the remain- Kelly, Eva Hill, Lillia Saddler, T. E. der went to the attorneys, who took Wallace, Chas. E. Dansfield, Wm. T. the lion's share, sometimes amounting Whitlock, Etta Whitney, Sarah Gordon, C. T. Sisson, Edward McIntyre, any length of time without being pro- Gostich, W. Tullock, Rose Lang, S. V. C. E. Belding, F. Stanley, Arthur H. lific of abuses, is incredible to men of Armstrong, Edek Townsend, John S experience, who know the growing na- Wheeler, Robert Cameron, W. Price, ture of human greed. Just think of Emily Bellinger, Emma Fletcher, Jas, it! for every quarter section of land A. Jensen, Maud E. Wilmot, Emil C. sold, the base hunters would or could Gunther, Geo. N. Small, Peter Best, pocket \$400, a nice yearly income for a Margaret Radir, Danl. Gordon, M quarter section farmer, working every Crabtree, Lucia Alden, C. H. Burton, day in the year, There is nothing L. Burt, Emma Hanaford, John N. risked in saying that such an oppor- Griffin, Edmund H. Lane, Abram F

tunity would be pushed to the utmost; Meyers, Kate Hill, Chas. A. Anderson Nellie Owens, Hulda M. Hickman, It was said by the attorneys that Sophia Everson, J. Hall, Ada James bases were scarce, a probable truth, as Alex H. Losier, Jesse L. Frast, Laura The laws governing the selections of the state had been selecting lands for W. Cleaver, Dessa Whitney, David lieu lands have been long in operation; forty years, in place of school sections Whitney, John Handly, Asa Hamilevery land office in the state is in taken by donation, homestead and ton, Fred L. Applegate, G. G. Baker, pre-emption claims, and also for de- J. Davits, John Joice, Joseph Zeppa, decisions made under them. The rule diciencies in townships and those aris- H. P. Briggs, Earl E. Emerson, Chas. a fine double number on New Year's that "lieu land selections based upon ing from mining claims, but all this Carrigan, Louis Ryan, A. S. Hopkins, townships, are invalid," has been bases and raise the price of lieu lands. Lucy Burton, C. A. Perkins, Nelson The allotment of school sections Swan, C. Campbell, J. Alberts, Albert it has been habitually violated by the within reservations, to the Indians, Johnson, Henry Senastacken, J. C. freed a goodly number of bases and Noel, Jas. A. Brandon, Frank Taylor, brought a veritable bonanza. Fortunes Robt. M Chapman, L. N. Withrow, made to compensate for school sec. were made our of these alone, as they W. W. Boyer, Jessie F. Cochran, H. tions alleged to be mineral, "the proof served to market the fine timber lands S. French, D. Brisbin, A. R. Senasmust be that the mineral exists in of the coast, and pass them into the tacken, Wm. Nelson, Frank Miller, established by judicial decisions, and The Indian bases, however, were Joice, Chas. Henderson, John Hart-John Daly, Louis Maschell, Bridget yet a violation of it has been the soon exhausted, and base hunting be-well, James Wilson, Andrew McIlwain FREE TO ALL WOMEN principal stock in trade of some Ore- came the rage. To use a simile from Philip Bodkir, Mike Kelly, Ira Mil-Col. Sellers, there were thousands if lard, Mollie Araham, F. F. Jewett, R. not millions in it.

The man, who by cruising, could discover a quarter section base, or by dint of ingenuity, could manufacture one that would pass the state office, one that would pass the state of the displacements, or ing drawing, modeling, music plain and arregularities, am's will gladly send it free to take the indicate the state of the st Glass, Geo. L. Pierce, Louis Pellet, John B. Brown, Ira Finley, Frank Myrtle, Pearl Southworth, Wm. O. Rough, rocky, unsold and unsalable school sections in the arid regions, were mineralized by affidafit; deficiencies were calculated in unsurveyed townships; and on a pinch, bases were townships; and on a pinch, bases were wasted to the control of



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